

# BASE - Building Approaches to fund local Solutions with climate Evidence -

Tackling the climate crisis requires financing. This financing must not only come in sufficient quantities; **it must also reach the places and people most impacted by climate change: local communities in the global South**, including indigenous peoples, small producers, and marginalized urban groups. These communities are also the **guardians of traditional knowledge and sources of innovative solutions** for emissions reduction and adaptation to the effects of climate change. These groups that are the most affected and have the fewest resources should be key recipients of international climate finance. But this has not been the case: **Only 10% of international climate finance reaches the local level.**

There are numerous challenges that keep local communities from accessing climate finance. One of these implies **the development of a climate rationale in financing proposals**: ensuring that projects combine a local development perspective with an adaptation or mitigation approach. The traditional process to do this, is often time consuming and requires access to robust climate data, technical capacity, and financial and technological resources. These are all limiting factors for local communities. **BASE (Building Approaches to fund local Solutions with climate Evidence) initiative was born from the conviction that a just climate transition depends on sufficient financing reaching the local level using approaches that ensure climate rationale, simplicity, and speed.**

**BASE was designed as a task force to work collaboratively** with partners and associated initiatives on a specific challenge: promoting more and better access to climate finance for local communities, simplifying the ways to develop a climate rationale and demonstrating the impact that the solutions implemented have on mitigation or adaptation. BASE addresses this challenge pragmatically and with a view toward systemic change, by convening local organizations, funders, knowledge organizations, and intermediaries to build solutions through an approach that combines research, action, and advocacy.

**Our strategy is built on three pillars: FUNDING, LEARNING, AND SCALE.** We will design and implement grant schemes that generate a proof of concept to gather evidence of the climate impact of the solutions. Grants will be oriented toward the organizations or initiatives with whom our partners are already working, to ensure that funding complements ongoing efforts and supports trusting relationships. The implementation of these grants will allow us to learn and generate evidence on impact, which we will share with public and private financing institutions and governments in order to support changes in climate finance practices focused toward local communities.

BASE is currently coordinated by Fundación Avina and made up of a series of partners that includes **Brainforest, Forest Trends, GFLAC, Hivos, Pawanka Fund, Reos Partners, and United Nations University - ViE**, with generous support from **Skoll Foundation**. Moreover, it has two Associated Initiatives: **Voices for Climate Action and Impulsouth**.

Join BASE to push forward a systemic change in climate finance practices. **Together, we can get more resources to the local level quickly and simply to implement effective climate solutions.**

Learn more about BASE [here](#) and contact us [here](#) for more information on how to generate synergies.

